UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JOSEPH P. LA PERE, Petitioner,

v. Case No. 08C0138

JODINE DEPPISCH, Warden, Fox Lake Correctional Institution, Respondent.

ORDER

On February 11, 2008, petitioner Joseph P. La Pere filed this petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, asserting that his state court conviction and sentence were imposed in violation of the Constitution. Petitioner was convicted in Brown County Circuit Court of two counts of burglary, party to a crime, based on a plea of no contest. He was sentenced to three years imprisonment plus four years extended supervision, and is currently incarcerated at Fox Lake Correctional Institution.

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, I must give the case prompt initial consideration.

If it plainly appears from the face of the petition and any exhibits annexed to it that the petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court, the judge shall make an order for its summary dismissal and cause the petitioner to be notified. Otherwise the judge shall order the respondent to file an answer.

Rule 4, Rules Governing § 2254 Cases. During my initial review of habeas petitions, I look to see whether the petitioner has set forth cognizable constitutional or federal law claims and exhausted available state remedies.

Petitioner asserts that the trial court should have suppressed certain evidence derived from a search of his residence because the search violated his Fourth Amendment rights. A petitioner may obtain collateral relief on a Fourth Amendment claim if the state deprived him of a "full and fair opportunity to contest the search or seizure." Hayes v. Battaglia, 403 F.3d 935, 939 (7th Cir.2005). Thus, petitioner presents colorable constitutional issues and I will not dismiss his petition at this time.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that within thirty (30) days of the date of this order respondent ANSWER the petition, complying with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, and showing cause, if any, why the writ should not issue.

FURTHER, IT IS ORDERED that unless respondent files a dispositive motion with its answer the parties shall abide by the following schedule regarding the filing of briefs on the merits of petitioner's claims: (1) petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days following the filing of respondent's answer within which to file his brief in support of his petition; (2) respondent shall have forty-five (45) days following the filing of petitioner's initial brief within which to file a brief in opposition; and (3) petitioner shall have thirty (30) days following the filing of respondent's opposition brief within which to file a reply brief, if any.

In the event that respondent files a dispositive motion and supporting brief with its answer, this briefing schedule will be suspended and the briefing schedule will be as follows: (1) petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days following the filing of respondent's dispositive motion and supporting initial brief within which to file a brief in opposition; and (2) respondent shall have thirty (30) days following the filing of petitioner's opposition brief within which to file a reply brief, if any.

Pursuant to Civil L.R. 7.1(f), the following page limitations apply: briefs in support

of or in opposition to the habeas petition or a dispositive motion filed by respondent must

not exceed thirty pages and reply briefs must not exceed fifteen pages, not counting any

statements of facts, exhibits, and affidavits.

Petitioner is advised that he must send copies of all future filings with the court to

counsel for respondent, no matter whether in letter, brief, memorandum, or other form.

Until respondent files his or her answer, these copies should be sent to Gregory Weber at

the address below.

Pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases, copies of the petition and

this order will be mailed to respondent Jodine Deppisch and to the Attorney General for the

State of Wisconsin, c/o Gregory Weber, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 7857,

Madison, WI 53707.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 27 day of February, 2008.

/c

LYNN ADELMAN
District Judge

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